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February 25, 2026

Willie Worman, Mayor  
City of Siletz  
PO Box 318  
Siletz, OR 97380-0318

Re: Warning Letter  
Siletz Wastewater Treatment Plant  
2026-WL-10130  
NPDES Permit #101680, EPA ID OR0020419  
File 81276, Site RID 21354  
WQ-Lincoln County

Dear Mr. Worman,

DEQ has completed a records review for the City of Siletz to determine compliance with the conditions of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit number 101680, issued on September 18, 2023. The findings are summarized below.

### **Records Review**

I reviewed Schedule C: Compliance Schedule and see that the city missed the second reporting deadline of November 1, 2025. Based upon this review, DEQ has concluded that the city is responsible for the following violation.

### **Schedule C Violation**

Schedule C lists a compliance due date of 11/1/2025 for the second requirement for meeting ammonia limits contained in Schedule A of the permit. A submission was received by DEQ on 2/20/2026 indicating that the city intends to immediately comply with the effluent ammonia limit imposed by the permit issued 11/1/2023. Failing to timely submit a report as required by permit is a Class II violation per OAR 340-012-0055(2)(b)

Since the city intends to immediately meet the final limits for ammonia contained in Schedule A of the permit, you can consider the compliance schedule completed and closed.

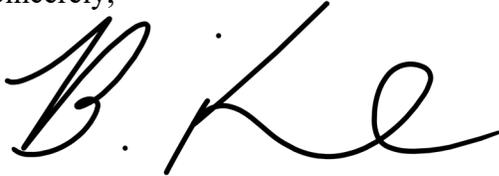
Class I violations are the most serious violations; Class III violations are the least serious. Compliance with your permit is required by Oregon Revised Statute 468B.025(2).

This notice is a warning letter. DEQ does not intend to take formal enforcement action at this time. However, should you repeat any of these violations, the matter may be referred to DEQ's Office of Compliance and Enforcement for formal enforcement action, including assessment of civil penalties and/or a DEQ order. Civil penalties can be assessed for each day of violation.

If you believe any of the facts in this warning letter are in error, you may provide information to me at the office at the address shown at the top of this letter. DEQ will consider the new information you submit and take appropriate action.

If you have any questions, please contact me in writing at [brenda.kuiken@deq.oregon.gov](mailto:brenda.kuiken@deq.oregon.gov) or by phone at (503) 893-0924.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Kuiken'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large 'B' and 'K'.

Brenda Kuiken  
WQ Compliance Specialist

cc: DEQ Salem Office file

ec: Ranei Nomura, Manager, Western Region DEQ  
Oregon Records Management Solution  
Theodore LePine, Plant Operator